

Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
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Jeffrey Mendoza, Chairman
Garrett Stillman, Vice-Chairman
Maureen Dupuis, Clerk
Douglas MacMillan, Member
Renee Trakimas, Member

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION **August 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Posted: Yes
Place: The Ritter Building
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: J. Mendoza, G. Stillman, D. MacMillan, R. Trakimas, M. Dupuis.

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve by D. MacMillan, Second by J. Mendoza. July 17, 2014 Minutes approved.

M. Dupuis proposed an outline of a working program calendar for 2015. The schedule includes but is not limited to any goals, events, activities, and programs the commission wishes to be a part of, and/or complete with and for the town during 2015. Once complete, the program calendar will be presented to the BOS for approval. Essentially the goal of the 2015 Ag Comm program will be to make our presence in town known to all community members. Commission members will continue to build this program through October.

To create a program with community interaction, mailings, events, etc. may require raising and spending monies. J. Mendoza will reach out to Town Manager Kerry Spiedel to see that we are able to do so through the town.

Lunenburg Ag Comm was awarded a \$450 grant to be used for the RTF Community signs. G. Stillman will speak with whomever the town sign maker is to secure a quote. Quotes are already in from two additional vendors. In order to secure the largest number of signs, the commission will use the vendor with the lowest cost.

The Lunenburg Farmers Market has been seeing a decent number of customers and has increased the number of vendors as well. The planning board will be discussing the Village District zoning at their upcoming meeting Monday the 26th at 6:30 pm in Town Hall. Anyone wishing to emphasize the need/desire for designated agricultural space should attend.

At this time M. Dupuis recused herself from the Ag Comm to discuss the Bovine Odor Complaint. A summary of the BOH meeting at which the concerned citizens and farm owners met was given to the Ag Comm by Chairman Mendoza, including the official recommendation by George Emond, chair of the BOH, that the complaint be mediated through the Ag Comm as there was no BOH issue to be found. J. Mendoza will obtain a copy of the formal complaint and arrange a meeting date which those concerned, the farm owners, and Brad of the Mass Farm Bureau can all attend to mediate concerns listed in their initial complaint.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday September 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm at The Ritter Building and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen C. Dupuis